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UNFUNDED MANDATES/Parliamentary Tactics

SUBJECT: Unfunded Mandate Reform Act of 1995 . . . S. 1. Kempthorne motion to table the committee amendment beginning on page 15, line 23.

ACTION: MOTION TO TABLE AGREED TO, 52-42

SYNOPSIS: Pertinent votes on this legislation include Nos. 15-20, 22-41, 43-45, and 47-61.

As reported by the Governmental Affairs Committee and the Budget Committee, S. 1, the Unfunded Mandate Reform Act of 1995, will create 2 majority (51-vote) points of order in the Senate. The first will lie against the consideration of a bill or joint resolution reported by an authorizing committee if it contains mandates and if Congressional Budget Office (CBO) cost estimates on those mandates are unavailable. The second point of order will lie against the consideration of a bill, joint resolution, motion, amendment, or conference report that will cause the total cost of unfunded intergovernmental mandates in the legislation to exceed \$50 million.

The committee amendment beginning on page 15, line 23, would make noncontroversial changes relating to committee report requirements under Federal intergovernmental mandates.

During debate, Senator Kempthorne moved to table the committee amendment. The motion to table is not debatable; however, some debate preceded the making of the motion. The debate was not on the substance of the amendment. Generally, those favoring the motion to table wanted to finish consideration of noncontroversial committee amendments and begin consideration of substantive amendments; those expressing reservations or opposing the motion to table wished to stall consideration of substantive issues.

Those favoring the motion to table contended:

The Senate has been on this committee amendment for some time, without a word spoken on its substance. However, we do not find that fact surprising, because this committee amendment, like the previous committee amendments we have considered, is noncontroversial. We were hoping that Senators would be willing to vote on the amendment, but we have been informed that there

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YEAS (52)			NAYS (42)		NOT VOTING (6)	
Republicans (50 or 100%)	Democrats (2 or 5%)		Republicans (0 or 0%)	Democrats (42 or 95%)	Republicans (3)	Democrats (3)
Abraham	Jeffords	Byrd		Akaka	Faircloth ⁻²	Bradley ⁻²
Ashcroft	Kassebaum	Heflin		Baucus	Gramm ⁻²	Kennedy ⁻²
Bennett	Kempthorne			Biden	Hutchison ⁻²	Pryor ⁻³
Bond	Kyl			Bingaman		
Brown	Lott			Boxer		
Burns	Lugar			Breaux		
Chafee	Mack			Bryan		
Coats	McCain			Bumpers		
Cochran	McConnell			Campbell		
Cohen	Murkowski			Conrad		
Coverdell	Nickles			Daschle		
Craig	Packwood			Dodd		
D'Amato	Pressler			Dorgan		
DeWine	Roth			Exon		
Dole	Santorum			Feingold		
Domenici	Shelby			Feinstein		
Frist	Simpson			Ford		
Gorton	Smith			Glenn		
Grams	Snowe			Graham		
Grassley	Specter			Harkin		
Gregg	Stevens			Hollings		
Hatch	Thomas					
Hatfield	Thompson					
Helms	Thurmond					
Inhofe	Warner					

EXPLANATION OF ABSENCE:

1—Official Business
2—Necessarily Absent
3—Illness
4—Other

SYMBOLS:

AY—Announced Yea
AN—Announced Nay
PY—Paired Yea
PN—Paired Nay

is objection to finishing the debate. Therefore, reluctantly, we must move to table it. The next committee amendment to be considered is controversial, and we are hopeful therefore that substantive debate on it will occur.

No arguments were expressed in opposition to the motion to table.